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Application No.: 09/255,352  
Applicant: Sumiyo TANAKA  
For: IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE  
SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING  
PROGRAM  
Confirmation No.: 8382  
Customer No.: 24367  
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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action of April 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated April 21, 2003, for one additional month to August 21, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Application No.: 09/255,352  
Response dated August 21, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2003

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Attachment** which includes an amended drawing figure is attached following page 14 of this paper.